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EPA West Lake

Key Messages:

- EPA is leading a focused and coordinated effort to protect public health
- EPA and USACE are working closely
- The Congressional interest has been valuable in aligning federal and state efforts

Talking Points:

1. The EPA Region 7 in Kansas City continues its focused and coordinated efforts with state and federal partners to protect public health at the West Lake Superfund site in St. Louis.
2. All data collected under the orders of the State of Missouri and the Federal Government at the site indicate Radiologically Impacted Material (RIM) remains contained within the site and that public health remains protected. The HHS Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and U.S. Geological Survey continue to work with the EPA.
3. The community's frustration with the slow pace of activities is understandable; but, it's important to emphasize the public drinking water supply is safe and complies with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Furthermore, USGS and EPA data obtained from offsite wells show no contamination from RIM.
4. EPA is near agreement with the USACE to oversee management and technical reviews of the isolation barrier construction. This work will keep the subsurface smoldering event separate from the RIM. A letter from the Missouri Congressional delegation to the EPA has been very fruitful in aligning EPA and the USACE efforts there.
5. EPA is completing an additional order to the PRP that will harmonize with the Missouri order secured by the Attorney General to start construction on an isolation barrier as an immediate step to isolate RIM from a subsurface smoldering event. The subsurface smoldering event remains at the Bridgeton site well away from the EPA site. But we all agree the isolation barrier needs to be put in place immediately.
6. Finally, EPA will use the Superfund program to address all identified RIM wherever it is located at the site. We will make sure the responsible parties take steps to protect the community immediately and in the long term.